

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4300, THE
WESTERN HEMISPHERE DRUG ELIMINATION ACT

SEPTEMBER 15, 1998.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mrs. MYRICK, from the Committee on Rules,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 537]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 537, by a nonrecord vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for the consideration of H.R. 4300, the Western Hemisphere Drug Elimination Act under a modified open rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate divided equally between Representative Hastert, or his designee, and a Member opposed to the bill.

The rule provides a three hour time limit on the amendment process. The rule makes in order as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1, and considers it as read. The rule waives clause 7 of rule XVI (prohibiting nongermane amendments) against the amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The rule permits the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record and considers them as read. The rule also allows the Chair to postpone recorded votes and reduce to five minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any postponed votes, provided voting time on the first series of questions shall not be less than 15 minutes.

Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

